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- Officials began a controlled release of water at a dam that threatened to break near the Louisiana-Mississippi border, flooding a rural area where up to 60,000 residents were evacuated August 30. — *USA Today*; *Associated Press* (See item [50](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *August 30, Parkersburg News and Sentinel* – (Ohio) **Vandalism blamed in Lowell oil spill.** An employee of the Stonebridge Operating Co. in Lowell, Ohio, reported August 29 that the switches on an oil well pump station had been tampered with during the past week. The Washington County Sheriff's Office is pursuing a person of interest in the incident according to the sheriff. The pump, near milepost 9.4 on Ohio 60 in Lowell, overflowed as a result of the incident, which caused crude oil to spill and flood the surrounding area. "The [Environmental Protection Agency] has been notified and I think they have been on scene and it has been sufficiently contained," said the sheriff. Between 8 and 12 barrels of oil were lost as a result of the tampering.
Source: <http://www.newsandsentinel.com/page/content.detail/id/564674/Vandalism-blamed-in-Lowell-oil-spill.html?nav=5061>
2. *August 30, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **OSHA cites Eunice plant after blast left 1 hurt.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Plains Gas Solutions LLC in Eunice, Louisiana, following a February explosion and fire that left a worker severely burned. OSHA August 29 issued one willful and seven serious violations against the company, which produces liquid natural gas through a cryogenic process. Proposed penalties total \$111, 000. OSHA says cryogenic liquids were improperly routed, as part of a re-starting process, through equipment not rated to withstand extreme cold temperatures. That resulted in the explosion and fire. Plains Gas is a subsidiary of Houston-based Plains All American Pipeline LP, which employs about 3,800 workers in Alabama, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.
Source: <http://newsok.com/osha-cites-eunice-plant-after-blast-left-1-hurt/article/feed/426410>
3. *August 30, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **About half La. without power as Isaac moves inland.** About half of Louisiana was without power as Tropical Storm Isaac moved inland, the Associated Press reported August 30. The Louisiana Public Service Commission said 903,000 homes and businesses around the State — about 47 percent of all customers — were without power. Entergy Corp. said that included about 686,000 of its customers. Another 87,000 were customers of Cleco Corp. Nearly all customers were without power in Plaquemines, St. Bernard, and St. John the Baptist parishes, while at least three-quarters of homes and businesses had power outages in Iberville, East Feliciana, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, St. Charles, St. James, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, and West Feliciana parishes.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-08-30/about-half-la-dot-without-power-as-isaac-moves-inland>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *August 30, Seymour Tribune* – (Indiana) **Tanker hauling anhydrous ammonia rolls over in Seymour.** Police and firefighters were ushering people from Steak n Shake, Staples, Duke Energy, and Applebee's so anhydrous ammonia remaining in a tanker that rolled onto its side at Tipton Street and Agrico Lane in Seymour, Indiana, could be released. All traffic was closed on Tipton Street, Meadowbrook Drive south of Tipton, and Agrico Lane after incident early August 30. None of the dangerous, pressurized gas leaked, and the driver was not seriously injured, the Seymour police chief said. Cleanup workers were slated to upright the tanker later August 30 and more evacuations might occur then, the Seymour fire chief said. The accident closed one of the city's busiest intersections near many stores and restaurants. That was necessary because under pressure in a tanker, anhydrous ammonia is a liquid gas. It vaporizes once it escapes that pressure and hits the air. The tanker was hauling the chemical to The Andersons Inc. of Seymour, which uses it as an ingredient in its fertilizers.
Source: http://www.tribtown.com/view/local_story/Tanker-hauling-anhydrous-ammon_1346330658
5. *August 29, Platts* – (Louisiana; Alabama) **Shell's chemical operations in Louisiana still curtailed as Isaac hits state.** Shell Chemical's operations in Louisiana remained shut or running at reduced rates August 29 as what is now Tropical Storm Isaac moved across the southeastern part of the State, Shell said in a posting to its Web site. Shell shut its Geismar plant, which produces alpha olefins as well as ethylene glycols, ahead of the storm earlier the week of August 27. The company has continued to operate its petrochemical complex in Norco, St. Charles Parish, at reduced rates. The complex is anchored by two steam crackers with a combined ethylene production exceeding 950,000 metric tons/year. Propylene and butadiene are also produced at the facility. Shell also said that its Motiva refinery in Convent was shut ahead of the storm, while those in Norco as well as Mobile, Alabama, were operating at reduced rates. Operations would resume as weather conditions allow, the company said.
Source: <http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/Petrochemicals/6598709>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

6. *August 30, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Palisades nuclear plant returned to service.** The Palisades nuclear power plant in Covert Township, Michigan, returned to service August 30 following a shutdown that began August 12 because of a minor steam leak. A plant spokesman said in an email that the plant would be returned to full power over the next several days. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said the leak was coming from a control rod drive, which is part of the mechanism for shutting down the reactor. It said steam was confined to the building that houses the reactor, and no

radiation escaped into the environment.

Source: <http://www.mlive.com/newsflash/index.ssf/story/palisades-nuclear-plant-returned-to-service/f162d4d8c6d84c1584fc94d1f38c351c>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

7. *August 30, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission; Health Canada – (International) Mr. Coffee single cup brewers recalled by JCS due to burn hazard.* The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Health Canada, in cooperation with Jarden Consumer Solutions (JCS), August 30 announced a voluntary recall of 600,700 Mr. Coffee Single Cup Brewing Systems sold in the United States and Canada. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately. A build-up of steam in the water reservoir can force the brewing chamber open and expel hot coffee grounds and water, posing a burn hazard. JCS has received 164 reports of the brewing chamber opening due to steam pressure, including about 59 reports in the United States and 2 in Canada of burn injuries to consumers' face, upper torso and hands. Consumers should stop using the recalled coffee brewer and contact JCS to receive instructions on how to obtain a free replacement unit.
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12263.html>
8. *August 29, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission – (National) Cooper Lighting recalls shower light trim and glass lens due to impact and laceration hazards.* The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Cooper Lighting, August 29 announced a voluntary recall of about 50,400 shower light trims. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately. The shower light's trim and glass lens can fall from the ceiling fixture, posing an impact and laceration hazard to consumers. Cooper Lighting has received 407 reports of trim pieces falling and breaking, including laceration injuries to a consumer's head and foot when struck by the light's trim and lens as they fell from the ceiling fixture. Consumers should contact Cooper Lighting to receive free replacement trim for the shower light.
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12261.html>
9. *August 29, U.S. Department of Labor – (Oklahoma) U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA cites Wenco Energy with repeat and serious violations based on follow-up inspection at Tulsa, Okla., plant.* The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) August 29 cited Wenco Energy Corp. in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with 23 serious and 8 repeat safety and health violations, including exposure to unguarded saws and sanders. OSHA initiated an inspection in February as a follow-up to a September 2010 inspection conducted after a worker was killed at the facility. Proposed penalties totaled \$167,090. Serious safety violations included failing to lock out the energy sources of machinery during servicing and maintenance, ensure the safe operation of a forklift, provide required machine guarding on equipment such as horizontal band saws and vertical belt sanders, and ensure electrical cords are not exposed. Repeat safety violations included failing to guard machines, train workers on the safe operation of forklifts, ensure that the manufacturer's guidelines are followed

when making repairs on forklifts, and properly label electrical circuit breakers.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22914

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

10. *August 27, SC Magazine* – (National) **Riding low and slow, Hikit targets U.S. defense contractors.** Researchers at security firm Mandiant have identified a backdoor trojan, called Hikit, which has targeted a small number of defense contractors in the United States. A principal consultant at the Washington, D.C.-based company, told SCMagazine August 27 that the malware, first discovered in 2011, fell into the category of an advanced persistent threat. As opposed to financial fraud, the goal of the attackers behind Hikit is to conduct industrial espionage and steal sensitive data, he said. The trojan itself is not used to initiate a breach, but to exploit an existing server vulnerability so that attackers can maintain access to victims' data. Hikit can run commands on a targeted server, as well as transfer files to retrieve data and redirect traffic within other systems of the victims' internal network.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/riding-low-and-slow-hikit-targets-us-defense-contractors/article/256332/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *August 29, Parsippany Daily Record* – (New Jersey) **Well-dressed bandit sought by cops.** Morris County, New Jersey authorities are looking for a man who appears to be dressed preppy in a sport jacket, dress shirt, and various hats, and is suspected in four bank heists committed between July 20 and August 23, the Parsippany Daily Record reported August 29. Based on surveillance images, police believe the man who held up the four banks in Parsippany, Lincoln Park, and Mount Olive without showing a weapon is the same person who made personnel at a PNC Bank in Kinnelon August 28 suspicious enough to call authorities. The holdups occurred July 20 at the Indus American Bank in Parsippany; July 30 at PNC Bank in Budd Lake; August 10 at Capital One in Lincoln Park; and August 23 at Boiling Springs Savings Bank in Lincoln Park.

Source: <http://www.dailyrecord.com/article/20120829/NJNEWS/308290063/Well-dressed-bandit-latest-Morris-County-serial-bank-robber>

12. *August 29, Reuters* – (National) **Citigroup settles shareholder CDO lawsuit for \$590 mln.** Citigroup Inc agreed to pay \$590 million to settle a shareholder lawsuit accusing it of hiding tens of billions of dollars of toxic mortgage assets, one of the largest settlements stemming from the global financial crisis, Reuters reported August 30. The agreement resolved claims that shareholders ended up with massive losses after the bank failed to take timely writedowns on collateralized debt obligations, many backed

by subprime mortgages, and engaged in self-dealing transactions that hid the risks. Citigroup denied wrongdoing in agreeing to settle, and said the \$590 million is covered by existing reserves. A U.S. district judge in Manhattan granted preliminary approval of the settlement, and scheduled a January 15, 2013 hearing to consider final approval. Source: <http://reuters.com/article/2012/08/29/citigroup-settlement-idINL2E8JT8CA20120829>

13. *August 29, WHTM 27 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Accused bank robber admitted to other holdups, police say.** A man arrested for the robbery of a Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania bank the week of August 20 is facing more charges after admitting to other holdups in York and Lancaster counties and in the Lehigh Valley, police said. WHTM 27 Harrisburg reported August 29 that the man admitted to robbing banks in Newberry Township and Hanover in York County, East and West Hempfield townships in Lancaster County, and in the Allentown and Reading areas, according to southern regional police. The admission came during an interview at the York County Prison, where he remains held with further charges pending, police said. Authorities said they continue to investigate whether anyone else was involved in the crimes. The man was taken into custody August 17 when he surrendered to police on charges that he robbed a Sovereign Bank the previous day. Source: <http://www.abc27.com/story/19413272/accused-bank-robber-admitted-to-other-holdups-police-say>
14. *August 29, WHTM 27 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Suspected bank robber indicted in 3 handkerchief holdups.** A federal grand jury has indicted a man suspected of robbing three banks in Harrisburg and York, Pennsylvania, while disguising his face with a handkerchief, WHTM 27 Harrisburg reported August 29. The man is accused of robbing Fulton and Sovereign banks in Harrisburg and the White Rose Credit Union in York, according to a U.S. attorney. The Fulton Bank was robbed March 14, and the Sovereign Bank March 22. The White Rose Credit Union was robbed April 2. The man stole about \$2,000 in each of the robberies. In each case, the suspect had a white hanky or tissue covering the lower part of his face and handed over a note demanding money. No weapon was shown. Source: <http://www.abc27.com/story/19409740/suspected-bank-robber-indicted-in-3-handkerchief-holdups>

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Transportation Sector

15. *August 30, Associated Press* – (New Jersey; New York) **Man scales fence at NJ port, boards cargo ship.** Officials were investigating how a man breached security at one of the nation's busiest ports, boarded a ship and was found in the captain's cabin, the Associated Press reported August 30. Authorities believe the man scaled a barbed-wire-topped 6-foot security fence at the Port Newark marine terminal in Newark, New Jersey August 29. A Port Authority of New York and New Jersey official said he wandered around unchallenged before he boarded the cargo ship and was discovered in the captain's bed about 4 hours later. Port Newark encompasses 180 acres and handles

more than 600,000 shipping containers annually.

Source: <http://www.stargazette.com/viewart/20120830/NEWS01/308300025/Man-scales-fence-NJ-port-boards-cargo-ship?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|s>

16. *August 30, WHTM 27 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Pa. Turnpike reopens after tractor-trailer fire.** A 65-mile stretch of the Pennsylvania Turnpike eastbound from Breezewood to Carlisle reopened following a tractor-trailer fire that closed the toll highway for about 8 hours, WHTM 27 Harrisburg reported August 30. The tractor-trailer was stopped in a construction area near mile marker 219 between the Blue Mountain and Carlisle Interchanges when it became fully engulfed in a fire that spread across both eastbound lanes, according to a turnpike spokesman. The fire destroyed the trailer, spilling its load of cantaloupes across the highway. The driver escaped from the cab unharmed. Eastbound traffic was detoured off the highway at the Breezewood Interchange until the wreckage was cleared.
Source: <http://www.abc27.com/story/19414547/pa-turnpike-eastbound-closed-from-breezewood-to-carlisle>

17. *August 29, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.* – (Virginia) **Police identify driver engulfed in flaming tanker crash on I-95.** Virginia State Police were investigating after a tanker exploded on I-95 in Newington August 29. A tanker truck overturned on the cloverleaf ramp of Route 286 while attempting to merge onto I-95 northbound. Within minutes the tanker truck was engulfed by flames. It took firefighters almost 3 hours before the fire was contained enough for troopers to safely approach the vehicle. Four foam units were required to stifle the flames. Crews had to soak up roughly 9,000 gallons of fuel the truck dumped directly onto the road. Two northbound lanes of I-95 were blocked from traffic for hours. Access between northbound I-95 and northbound Route 286 were reopened.
Source: <http://washington.cbslocal.com/2012/08/29/flaming-tanker-crash-on-i-95-in-newington-kills-driver-blocks-morning-traffic/>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

18. *August 29, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Man charged with threatening to blow up Eugene post office.** Federal authorities have filed charges against a man accused of using a phone to call in a bomb threat against a U.S. post office in Eugene, Oregon, which triggered the evacuation of nearby buildings. The U.S. attorney's office in Eugene charged the suspect by criminal information, a document typically filed in advance of a guilty plea. The papers were made public August 29. The suspect was accused of parking a van outside the post office November 16, 2010, where he allegedly phoned a bomb threat to authorities. Police evacuated nearby buildings and shut down three avenues. Eugene police negotiators talked the suspect out of the van. Authorities found no explosives inside.

Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2012/08/man_charged_with_threatening_t.html#incart_river_default

19. *August 29, Examiner.com* – (National) **Beware the new USPS email scam.** An old email scam involving fake shipping service emails that include outright financial threats against the recipient has surfaced again, Examiner.com reported August 29. These emails may be used to install a virus on a computer or to collect data that will be used in Internet fraud or identity theft. The threat being circulated said “Unfortunately, we failed to deliver the postal package you have sent on the 27th of August in time, because the recipient’s address is erroneous. Please go to the nearest UPS office and show your shipping label.” The email includes a submit button that, supposedly, will print a shipping label. The email is not from the U.S. Postal Service. So far, USPS.com includes no information about this latest email scam. When the email recipient clicks the button to print the shipping label, the page transfers to a failure page on a site run by comicgenesis(dot)com, which may also be a victim in this latest scam. Snopes(dot)com has reports on file for a package delivery virus from April of this year, March 2011, July 2008, and August 2008. The recurring entries point out that a package delivery email is a popular delivery choice for emailed viruses and malware. Source: <http://www.examiner.com/article/beware-the-new-ups-email-scam>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *August 30, WSAU 550 AM Wausau* – (Wisconsin) **Pesticide tampering kills crop.** Wood County, Wisconsin investigators were searching for someone who tainted farm chemicals west of Pittsville, WSAU 550AM Wausau reported August 30. They said someone entered a farm on Sparks Road in the town of Cary in early July and mixed herbicide into a prepared batch of pesticide. The tainted mixture destroyed 58 acres of beans, causing a substantial financial loss. Source: <http://wsau.com/news/articles/2012/aug/30/pesticide-tampering-kills-crop/>
21. *August 30, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **USDA says all Michigan drought-heat disaster zone.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) declared the entire State of Michigan a natural disaster area because of the continuing drought and heat. The USDA said August 29 that all 83 counties are now classified as primary natural disaster areas because of drought and excessive heat conditions that began in March. The governor said the declaration will help State farmers get more federal aid in dealing with crop or livestock losses. Qualified farm operators now are eligible for low interest emergency loans from the department’s Farm Service Agency. Farmers have 8 months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their losses. Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505245_162-57503327/usda-says-all-michigan-drought-heat-disaster-zone/

22. *August 30, Food Safety News* – (Arkansas) **Arkansas prison outbreak was more complex than most.** The Salmonella outbreak at Arkansas Prison’s Tucker Unit was more complex than most, according to health officials, Food Safety News reported August 30. The outbreak, involving almost 600 prisoners and staff, was due to at least 6 different serotypes of Salmonella, including S. Anatum, S. Cerro, S. Newport, S. Mbandaka, S. Heidelberg, and S. Braenderup. In addition, the Anatum, Newport, and Heidelberg serotypes each produced two distinct PPGE patterns, meaning the outbreak involved at least nine different organisms. According to the medical director and chief of the Arkansas Communicable Disease and Immunizations Unit, four of the PFGE patterns were previously unknown to the national tracking system, PulseNet. “Environmental health investigations determined there were multiple opportunities for contamination and cross-contamination during food preparation and that whole frozen chickens may not have been cooked sufficiently to kill all the salmonella present,” the doctor said in his report to the International Society for Infectious Diseases. “The peak of cases occurred 18 hours after consumption of a meal containing chicken salad,” he said. The outbreak began after the chicken salad was served he weekend of August 4. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/arkansas-prison-outbreak-was-more-complex-than-most/#.UD-XSaCylvls>
23. *August 29, Reuters* – (National) **Isaac’s downpours threaten US rice, soybeans.** Torrential rain from Hurricane Isaac, 20 inches or more in some areas, threaten the soybean and rice crops in the southern U.S., an agricultural meteorologist said August 29. The Category 1 hurricane’s rain was expected to reach crops in the midwest around the weekend of September 1. A large amount of soybeans, cotton, and rice are grown in the south, while corn and soybeans are more common in the midwest. The Louisiana soybean harvest was 18 percent complete, Mississippi’s 9 percent, and Arkansas’ 8 percent, U.S. Department of Agriculture crop reports said August 27. All three States were receiving extremely heavy rain from the slow moving storm. Many cash soybean buyers in the south and parts of the midwest raised bids due to the slowed harvest and the potential loss of production. Most of America’s rice is produced where the eye of the hurricane is passing. U.S. rice was 27 percent harvested as of August 27 and most of the remainder was nearly ready for harvest and susceptible to flooding. A meteorologist for MDA EarthSat Weather told Reuters August 29 that he expected rice paddies in Louisiana to be damaged as well as substantial harvest delays in the Delta over the next 3 days and in the midwest by the weekend of September 1. U.S. harvests were already slowed by showers the week of August 27 and rain from Hurricane Isaac should prevent any further progress. Source: <http://www.agprofessional.com/news/Isaacs-downpours-threaten-US-rice-soybeans-167878375.html>
24. *August 29, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Washington; Idaho; Montana) **Spokane Produce Inc., voluntarily recalls Pineapple/Mango Pico de Gallo product because of possible health risk.** Spokane Produce, Inc., voluntarily recalled a small lot run of Pineapple/Mango Pico de Gallo August 29 because it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella braenderup. The recall only includes 128 16-ounce plastic containers of the refrigerated Pineapple/Mango Pico de Gallo with the UPC code “8869483987” under the brand labels Garden Patch or Yoke’s. The product was

distributed to 11 inland northwest supermarkets in Washington, Idaho, and Montana. The pico de gallo includes mangoes of the Daniella brand recalled by the supplier due to potential contamination with Salmonella. Consumers who purchased the recalled Pineapple/Mango Pico de Gallo are advised not to eat any product with a date for use on or before September 10 and to destroy or return the product to the place of purchase. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm317472.htm>

25. *August 29, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **Splendid Products voluntarily recalls Daniella brand mangoes because of possible health risk.** Produce distributor Splendid Products is voluntarily recalling certain lots of Daniella brand mangoes because they may be contaminated with Salmonella. The recalled mangoes, a product of Mexico, were sold as individual fruit and can be identified by the Daniella brand sticker and one of the following PLU numbers: 3114, 4051, 4311, 4584, or 4959. The recalled mangoes were sold at various retail stores throughout the U.S. between July 12 and August 29. Mangoes were linked to a number of recent cases of salmonellosis in Canada, and may be linked to cases in California and perhaps other states. The recall is being conducted in consultation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the California Department of Public Health. Those who have bought the recalled mangoes are advised not to eat them and to discard them. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm317463.htm>

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Water Sector

26. *August 30, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **La boil advisories in response to Isaac.** Louisiana's health department issued boil advisories for nine water districts in south Louisiana, the Associated Press reported August 30. Late August 29, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals issued a boil advisory in West Baton Rouge Waterworks District 2 because a fallen tree broke a water main, and an advisory in The Alton Water System and Crossgates Ben Thomas Road in St. Tammany Parish and the town of Roseland in Tangipahoa Parish because of pressure losses caused by power outages. There also were State advisories in Schriever, St. John Water District No. 1, St. John the Baptist Parish, and the Plaquemines Parish towns of Dalcour, Port Sulphur, and East Point-a-la-Hache. Terrebonne Parish authorities called a boil advisory for the entire parish because of cloudy water. Several of the first five advisories were in areas evacuated because of floods. Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/La-boil-advisories-in-response-to-Isaac-3827071.php>
27. *August 29, United Press International* – (California; International) **Damaged pipe sends sewage into ocean.** A damaged pipe allowed millions of gallons of raw sewage into the ocean on both sides of the U.S.-Mexican border, officials in Tijuana, Mexico, said. Beaches were ordered closed after workers at the Tijuana division of the public

service commission noticed unusual flows to pump stations in Playas de Tijuana, U-T San Diego reported August 29. The International Boundary and Water Commission said sewage discharge into the ocean surf was occurring at a rate of about 1.6 million gallons per day. The problem was traced to a large pipe known as the Farallon Collector about three-fourths of a mile south of the international border. A spokesman for the public service commission said damage to the pipe was apparently caused by the August 26 earthquake swarm in Baja California. Repairs were expected to be completed August 29.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2012/08/29/Damaged-pipe-sends-sewage-into-ocean/UPI-64231346243516/

28. *August 29, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **Residents return home after huge water main break.** Progress was made in the effort to clean up the mess left behind by a massive water main break in San Francisco's Visitacion Valley neighborhood August 29. Officials said it would take 2 weeks to repair the 42-inch pipe that broke August 28, and fixing the street and sidewalk damage could take much longer. Still, residents of the 14 houses that had to be cleared out were allowed to return home August 29. The California Public Utility Commission said the rupture happened along a portion of the segment where there was a joint connection. The transmission line gushed hundreds of thousands of gallons of water for nearly 3 hours into the streets. Crews were cleaning up and repairing the gym, playground, and two classrooms at the K-8 catholic school in time for it to re-open September 4.

Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/san_francisco&id=8791115

29. *August 29, WHTM 27 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **People back in homes after chlorine leak.** The York County Water Company CEO said the company was trying to make their wastewater treatment plant in the Asbury Pointe Development in Manchester, Pennsylvania, safer by removing a chlorine gas tank when chlorine was accidentally released into the air, WHTM 27 Harrisburg reported August 29. "Three employees and a contractor were removing a 100 pound tank of chlorine gas," he said. More than 200 homes in the Asbury Pointe Development were evacuated. "It is a yellowish type cloud. It is heavier than air so it hangs to a lower portion of the ground," said the fire chief of Eagle Fire Company, Mount Wolf. "It is extremely harmful if enough of it is ingested." Many residents reported smelling the gas in the air and went to a temporary shelter at the Eagle Fire Company. Residents returned to their homes about 3 hours after the leak was reported. The water company no longer uses chlorine gas, and when they found out there was a tank on the premises they wanted to remove it, because of the potential for leaks. Three employees were taken to the hospital and treated.

Source: <http://www.abc27.com/story/19413421/people-back-in-homes-after-chlorine-leak>

30. *August 29, KNVX 15 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **FD: Peoria chlorine leak repaired after threatening Peoria water supply.** Peoria, Arizona residents were asked to stay inside their homes August 29 while HAZMAT crews investigated a chlorine leak near 106th Avenue and Beardsley. Authorities said a chlorine tank had a faulty valve that caused a

small leak in the tank and were concerned if the leak got any bigger, it could potentially contaminate the water supply. The fire department sent reverse 9-1-1 calls asking people to stay inside their home while they investigated. HAZMAT crews used a container called a coffin to encase the cylinder and stop the release of gas. Rose Garden Lane was closed at 107th Avenue through 104th Drive while HAZMAT crews fixed the leak.

Source: http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_west_valley/peoria/FD-Chlorine-leak-may-contaminate-water#ixzz252OvnGSg

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *August 30, Reuters* – (National) **66 West Nile deaths so far in 2012; more expected.** A total of 1,590 cases of West Nile virus, including 66 deaths, have been reported through late August in the United States, the highest human toll by that point in the calendar since the mosquito-borne disease was first detected in the country in 1999, health officials said August 29. In hard-hit Texas, the number of confirmed cases soared to 894, with 34 people dead, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. All 48 contiguous States have reported cases of West Nile virus in birds, which act as hosts; in mosquitoes, which transmit it by biting birds and then mammals including humans, or in people. Only Alaska and Hawaii have been spared. And 43 States have at least one human case.

Source: http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/national_world/2012/08/30/66-west-nile-deaths-so-far-in-2012-more-expected.html

32. *August 30, HealthLeaders Media* – (National) **Damage from healthcare data breaches spreading.** Almost twice as many people were affected by healthcare data breaches in 2011 as in 2010, according to a report released August 29. The total number of breaches dropped by 32 percent to 145 but the number of people affected by those breaches doubled to 10.8 million. The latest tally included the loss of a single back-up tape containing 5 million records. The findings were based on a review of breaches reported to have occurred in 2011 according to the Department of Health and Human Services' Web site. The self reporting of breaches is a requirement for businesses under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH). The data shows California had the highest number of breaches in 2011 with 15, followed by Texas (11), Illinois (8), Florida (7), and New Jersey (7). Breaches that involved the loss of healthcare data affected the most individuals — 6.1 million. Theft affected 2.4 million, unknown cause affected 1.9 million, and loss affected 1.2 million. Unauthorized access, hacking, improper disposal and other combined affected about 464,000 individuals. Access to portable electronic devices such as thumb drives, backup tapes, CDs, DVDs, and X-Ray films accounted for 28 percent of the breaches and affected 8.2 million people. Paper and laptops account for 27 percent and 22 percent of the beaches, respectively, but combined accounted for only 5 percent of the individuals affected by breaches.

Source: <http://www.healthleadersmedia.com/print/TEC-283933/Damage-from-Healthcare-Data-Breaches-Spreading>

33. *August 29, Minnesota Public Radio* – (Minnesota) **More injured employees at Minnesota Security Hospital.** Employee injuries at the Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter, the State's largest facility for the mentally ill and dangerous, increased sharply in 2012 as the number of permanent psychiatrists dropped from six to one and security practices put counselors into closer contact with patients. The number of employee injuries caused by violent patients so far has already surpassed the number for all of 2011. As of July 30, the facility recorded 40 employee injuries caused by patient assaults or restraints serious enough to require a report to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The facility recorded 32 similar injuries last year. A security counselor at the facility for nearly 25 years said the increase in employee injuries is in part due to a change in treatment philosophy. Instead of locking aggressive patients in their rooms, he said, doctors increasingly ask security counselors to place the patient on what they call a "one-to-one." The facility's changing policies on the use of restraints also have contributed to the increase in injuries, said a deputy commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services, the agency that operates the facility.
Source: <http://mankatofreepress.com/local/x252501296/More-injured-employees-at-Minnesota-Security-Hospital>

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Government Facilities Sector

34. *August 29, Nextgov* – (Alabama; Louisiana; Mississippi) **Isaac knocks out power to New Orleans Navy base.** Power outages caused by Hurricane Isaac in the New Orleans area August 29 forced the Joint Reserve Base at New Orleans Naval Air Station in nearby Belle Chasse to resort to generator power. The base in Belle Chasse was the only one of 11 Navy facilities in the Gulf Coast area whose power was knocked out by Isaac, according to a spokesman for Navy Region Southeast. The VA hospital in New Orleans remained open August 29, but the department closed its regional benefits office there, as well as benefits offices in Biloxi, Mississippi; Mobile, Alabama; and Fort Walton Beach and Pensacola, Florida. VA clinics in Biloxi; Eglin and Panama City, Florida; and Mobile Alabama; were closed August 29. The department also shut down clinics in Baton Rouge, Bogalusa, Franklin, Hammond, Houma, Mandeville, Metairie, New Orleans, Slidell, and St. John Louisiana through August 30. Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi closed August 29.
Source: <http://www.nextgov.com/mobile/2012/08/isaac-knocks-out-power-new-orleans-navy-base/57739/?oref=ng-channelriver>
35. *August 28, Nextgov* – (National) **Software alert claiming to be from Cyber Command aims to steal money.** Fraudsters are posing as officials from U.S. Cyber Command and other federal agencies to scare Internet users into paying off bogus fines, the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team warned August 28. The alert stated that it "is aware of multiple malware campaigns impersonating multiple U.S. government agencies." The malicious software pulls up a computer screen claiming that a federal

agency has determined the user is involved in criminal activity. The message directs the victim to either pay a fine or lose access to the computer. The FBI has warned of similar schemes that essentially hold computers hostage until the unassuming victim pays imposter bureau agents a fine. This apparently is the first time hackers have taken the identity of the Cyber Command to collect ransom. “Affected users should not follow the payment instructions,” the alert states.

Source: <http://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2012/08/software-alert-claiming-be-cyber-command-aims-steal-money/57715/>

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Emergency Services Sector

36. *August 30, Three Rivers Publishing* – (Missouri) **Teen is charged with disrupting 911 service.** Local residents who were listening to the Crawford County, Missouri emergency scanners August 22 heard a couple of young men interrupt services by singing and “rapping” on the air. August 23, the sheriff posted on his Facebook page, “Several of you sent me messages upset about the young men disrupting 911 services last night on the scanner. We have one in custody and one that will be referred to Juvenile Authorities.” As a result, one man was charged August 24 with class C felony tampering in the first degree. The director of operations for Crawford County E-9-1-1 Communications in Steelville contacted the sheriff’s department August 24 to report the incident where the two boys had transmitted across an established fire and ambulance service channel. He reported that, while the two were singing, the 9-1-1 operators were attempting to dispatch two ambulances and a medical helicopter was inbound to the area for a medical emergency. The disruption “greatly interfered” with the emergency situation the operators were trying to handle.

Source:

http://www.threeriverspublishing.com/TRP/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=11205:teen-is-charged-with-disrupting-911-service&catid=31&Itemid=202

37. *August 29, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Man accused of having bombs while threatening cops.** A West Frankfort, Illinois man is accused of threatening to kill police and blow up their southern Illinois police station with homemade explosives, the Associated Press reported August 29. A federal grand jury indicted the man on three counts of possessing an unregistered destructive device. West Frankfort police arrested him August 9 after he allegedly threatened police officers. At the time, authorities said he was in possession of homemade explosive devices, firearms, and ammunition. Investigators said a search of his home turned up items associated with making explosive devices, as well as firearms including assault-style rifles.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Man-accused-of-having-bombs-while-threatening-cops-3824201.php>

38. *August 29, KSTC 45 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Medical examiner employee’s laptop stolen containing sensitive data.** An employee with the medical examiner for

Minnesota's Dakota, Chisago, and Goodhue counties said his personal laptop containing sensitive crime scene data was stolen. Police said the theft happened August 8 at Central Park in Roseville. The incident report said the employee's car's rear passenger window was broken and a purse, cell phone, and laptop were taken. According to the incident report, the laptop contains photos of crime scenes and bodies, several death investigation files, police reports, and other law enforcement data. The computer was not password protected, and did not have tracking software. The employee told police he was concerned the photos or documents could be uploaded to the Internet. A tri-county crime alert has been issued.

Source: <http://kstc45.com/article/stories/S2745563.shtml?cat=11512>

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Information Technology Sector

39. *August 30, Help Net Security* – (International) **Java 0-day exploit served from over 100 sites.** After an exploit for the two unpatched Java zero-day vulnerabilities has been added to the Blackhole exploit kit, the number of sites functioning as entrance points for malware has risen exponentially. According to the director of security research at Websense, the company has already spotted over 100 unique domains serving the Java exploit. "The number is definitely growing ... and because Blackhole has an updatable framework and already has a foothold on thousands of sites, we anticipate that the number of sites compromised with this new zero-day will escalate rapidly in the coming days," he said. Malware peddlers have also begun their efforts to drive traffic to those domains, as witnessed by a slew of emails purportedly coming from the Dutch branch of the accountancy firm BDO Stoy Hayward, trying to trick people into following the offered link with news that the VAT rate will increase starting October 1, 2012.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13507>

40. *August 29, ZDNet* – (International) **Cybercriminals impersonate popular security vendors, serve malware.** Security researchers from Websense have intercepted a currently circulating spam campaign, impersonating popular antivirus vendors in an attempt to trick end and corporate users into downloading and executing the malicious attachment. According to Websense, the campaign is low-volume, and is currently impersonating Symantec, F-Secure, Verisign, and Sophos. The malicious payload is currently detected by 3 out of 42 antivirus scanners as Trojan.Agent Gen-Banload; TROJ_GEN.R47H1HR.

Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/cybercriminals-impersonate-popular-security-vendors-serve-malware-7000003433/>

41. *August 29, ComputerWeekly.com* – (International) **Explosion in malware bypassing traditional defenses, study shows.** Advanced malware that evades signature-based detection has increased nearly 400 percent in the past year, research by security firm FireEye revealed. Companies are being hit by an average of 643 successful infections a

week, according to the firm's latest Advanced Threat Report on cyber attacks that routinely bypass traditional defenses. Such defenses include intrusion prevention systems, firewalls anti-virus, and other signature, reputation, and basic behavior-based technologies. The report, which covers the first half of the year, highlights the intensified danger of email-based attacks, with researchers seeing a 56 percent growth in email-based attacks from the first to the second quarter of 2012. Another trend highlighted by the report is the increased use of dynamic, throw-away domains. Researchers saw a significant increase in dynamic links that were used five times or less. Links that were seen just once grew from 38 percent in the second half of 2011 to 46 percent in the first half of 2012. "The results of this report make it even more clear that reactive signature-based defenses cannot prevent evasive strains of malware from making their way into the enterprise," said the FireEye founder and CEO.

Source: <http://www.computerweekly.com/news/2240162366/Explosion-in-malware-bypassing-traditional-defences-study-shows>

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Communications Sector

42. *August 29, New England Cable News* – (Massachusetts) **Verizon telecommunications outage causes problems.** People in Massachusetts were still dealing with service outages with Verizon, New England Cable News (NECN) reported August 29. Thousands did not have phone, Internet, or TV service because of a fire that knocked out Verizon's connection. Verizon was working around the clock to repair a complicated network of cables after a homeless man's mattress caught fire under a bridge in Lawrence August 27, damaging Verizon's systems. A spokesperson said about 8,000 customers in dozens of communities from the Merrimack Valley all the way up to Cape Anne lost phone, Internet, and cable services. A Verizon spokesperson said late the afternoon of August 29 that 7,000 customers had had services restored. The company hopes to have services back online for the remaining 1,000 customers in the next few days.

Source: <http://www.necn.com/08/29/12/Verizon-telecommunications-outage-causes/landing.html?blockID=764965&feedID=4213>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

43. *August 30, Nevada Appeal* – (Nevada) **Bomb scare closes Kohl's, road.** A called-in bomb threat closed down Kohl's and Eagle Station Lane between Carson Street and Silver Sage Drive in Carson City, Nevada for several hours August 29. A "male voice" called screaming into the phone, the Carson City undersheriff said. "It is hidden good," the voice told a Kohl's employee. He said the bomb was in either luggage or a suitcase. "You won't find it," the caller said. The Carson City Sheriff's Office secured the parking lot around the building and assisted with the evacuations of the store. After the scene was secured, the doors of the building were locked. The sheriff's office called the Tahoe-Douglas Regional Bomb Squad and the team searched the store but found nothing suspicious. with four employees to search if anything looked out of place or wrong, Albertsen said. The store and Eagle Station Lane were shut for nearly 5 hours before reopening.

Source:

<http://www.nevadaappeal.com/article/20120830/NEWS/120839995/1070&ParentProfile=1058>

44. *August 29, Riverside Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Hemet: Home-invasion robbery leads to standoff, arrests.** A home-invasion robbery in San Jacinto, California, August 29 led law enforcement on a manhunt that ended with a 5-hour standoff at a small mobile home park in Hemet. Several people were arrested, Riverside County sheriff's deputies said, but it was not known whether more suspects were being sought. At least one man was taken into custody at the Town and Country Mobile Home Park, shortly after the standoff began. Hours later, as a SWAT team and an armored car stood by, a robot entered a small mobile home, but Hemet police and Riverside County sheriff's deputies found no one else inside. Police shut down several blocks of Menlo Avenue west of the heavily traveled intersection, and about 25 residents of the mobile home park were evacuated. The incident began when a man was tied up in his home in San Jacinto and robbed of some weapons and his pickup truck, said a sheriff's spokeswoman. The man was taken to the hospital. Authorities said the suspects fled to the mobile home park. Following the standoff, the streets were reopened and residents were let back inside the park.

Source: <http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/hemet/hemet-headlines-index/20120829-hemet-home-invasion-robbery-leads-to-standoff.ece>

45. *August 29, KABB 29 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Escalator malfunction injuries 9 at convention center.** Nine people were injured when an escalator at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in San Antonio, stopped suddenly, causing the people riding it to fall August 29. The San Antonio Fire Department said six people were transported to local hospitals, all with non life-threatening injuries. Three others refused treatment. The convention center was hosting the GameStop Expo. Witnesses said people started tumbling down the escalator when it came to an abrupt halt. The City of San Antonio director of convention, sports and entertainment facilities stated the

escalator passed it's annual inspection in June.

Source: http://www.foxsanantonio.com/newsroom/top_stories/videos/vid_11722.shtml

46. *August 29, Winston-Salem Journal* – (North Carolina) **Flooding sweeps cars off club parking lot into Peters Creek, club patrons evacuated.** An evening at Club 99 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, turned into an evacuation by inflatable raft for about 30 people August 28 and the rescue of one man off his car after a flash flood swept 5 vehicles into Peters Creek from the club's parking lot. The storm also caused power outages, including one that affected the Winston-Salem Journal's printing plant, resulting in delayed newspaper delivery. Swift-water rescue workers, firefighters, and Winston-Salem police responded to a report of flash flooding at the club after more than 2.6 inches of rain fell. A total of more than 3.5 inches was reported at Smith Reynolds Airport in Winston-Salem, stated National Weather Service data. Winston-Salem firefighters returning from another call spotted the parking lot, which was under about 4 feet of water, fire department officials said. Rescue workers helped one person off his car and over a fence to safety. They also searched the vehicles and evacuated people from the building using the raft. The storm knocked out electricity to 1,075 Duke Energy customers in Forsyth County, many in eastern Winston-Salem.
Source: <http://www2.journalnow.com/news/2012/aug/29/5/updated-flooding-sweeps-cars-off-club-parking-lot--ar-2558911/>
47. *August 29, Associated Press* – (New York) **4 shot, 1 critically, outside bar in Mount Vernon.** Police said four people were injured when a gunman opened fire outside a bar in Mount Vernon, New York. The victim who police believe was the intended target was in critical condition after the shooting August 29. Two women and one man were in serious condition. The police commissioner said at a news conference that the four were attending a birthday party at the bar. The White Plains Journal News reported they were standing outside on a sidewalk when one of the victims noticed a man approaching on foot and began to run. The suspect fired eight or nine shots from a .45-caliber handgun at the group then fled on foot.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/4-shot-1-critically-outside-bar-in-Mount-Vernon-3823291.php>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

48. *August 29, Ukiah Daily Journal* – (California) **Air quality alert issued as North Pass Fire cut down to 32,675 acres.** Air quality reached hazardous levels in Round Valley and Inland Mendocino County as the wind shifted and brought smoke south from the North Pass Fire northeast of Covelo, California, which was reportedly down to 32,675 acres and was 35 percent contained August 29, according to fire, air quality, and public health officials. The fire destroyed four homes and had grown to 35,570 acres by August 28 according to CalFire. An August 29 update from CalFire said the number of homes threatened was 64, along with 5 commercial properties and 65 outbuildings.

“The expectation is that the fires will burn for the next couple of weeks,” a Mendocino County sheriff told the board of supervisors August 28. The evacuation area included Indian Dick Road and Blands Cove Road, east of Covelo. The fire was the largest of two ignited by lightning August 18 in Williams Valley, about 10 miles northeast of Covelo. The county public health department and air quality management district urged everyone in the affected areas to decrease outdoor activity and stay inside as much as possible, close all windows and doors, turn air conditioners to recirculation mode, and use ceiling and portable fans and high efficiency particulate air filters.

Source: http://www.ukiahdailyjournal.com/ci_21426312/north-pass-fire-down-32-675-acres

49. *August 29, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **2 hunters safe from eastern Oregon wildfire.** Authorities said two bow hunters safely escaped a wildfire burning in rugged terrain in eastern Oregon. The Grant County sheriff said two law enforcement officers helped the pair get out of harm’s way late August 28 or early August 29. The Parish Cabin wildfire has scorched 5,000 acres in the Malheur National Forest. The blaze was sparked days after the start of bow-hunting season, and deputies evacuated 30 to 40 people from campsites. The sheriff said the flames destroyed tents, a bicycle and some plastic furniture. No part of the wildfire is contained, and its cause is unknown.
- Source: <http://www.boston.com/news/nation/2012/08/29/hunters-safe-from-eastern-oregon-wildfire/T1BgCKNhi7clQI9SCpD6sM/story.html>

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Dams Sector

50. *August 30, USA Today; Associated Press* – (Louisiana; Mississippi) **Evacuations ordered over possible dam break from Isaac.** Officials began a controlled release of water at a dam in Tangipahoa Parish that threatened to break near the Louisiana-Mississippi border flooding a rural area where up to 60,000 residents were evacuated August 30. Search-and-rescue teams were assembled and two nursing homes were evacuated. Louisiana’s governor said that if the water had not been released it would have caused significant flooding — with water pouring into the already swollen Tangipahoa River, swamping low-lying areas downstream. Residents had less than 90 minutes to evacuate after the order was given, the governor said. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers examined the dam. If it were to burst residents could see floodwaters as high as 17 feet. The National Guard was also evacuating 3,000 people trapped by flooding in LaPlace, Louisiana, the governor’s office said. Rising water closed off all main thoroughfares into the parish, about 30 miles west of New Orleans. The hurricane-protection system ringing the New Orleans area continued to hold, keeping storm surge and floodwaters out of the city but in LaPlace and Slidell, rescue crews helped residents evacuate from flooded homes. Area rivers, steadily swelling with Isaac’s rains, were not expected to crest until the weekend of September 1, potentially flooding more homes and making more roads impassable, said a Louisiana State Police captain. Statewide, 6,191 residents — with the number expected to grow — were in shelters, the governor said. Nearly half of Louisiana remained without power. In neighboring Mississippi, utility companies said they were working to restore power to

more than 150,000 customers. Louisiana and parish officials were studying the levees in Plaquemines Parish August 30 to determine the best place to punch a hole to relieve trapped floodwaters that overran the enclave of Braithwaite.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/weather/storms/story/2012-08-30/isaac/57434590/1>

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